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New Castle needs new prison staff to handle Arizona inmates

NEW CASTLE, Ind. - Eric Carter never thought he'd be looking for a job behind bars.

But the first 104 of more than 1,200 Arizona prisoners arrived at the New Castle Correctional Facility on Monday, and the prison has 230 new jobs to fill.

Carter, 45, a Henry County resident, attended a prison job fair Tuesday to apply for a job as a guard at the facility, which has to beef up its staff with every new shipment of inmates.

"I'm just open to whatever happens, whatever comes along," said Carter, who has been unemployed since he moved back to Henry County from Ohio five months ago.

Human resources staff helped applicants through the applications process at the prison from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Twenty-one workers were hired from the pool of applications received on Monday and Tuesday, Human Resources Manager Marjorie Gaither said. The GEO Group, the private company that manages the prison, also sent additional personnel from a Pennsylvania facility to help handle the influx of prisoners, The Star Press of Muncie reported.

Indiana announced on Monday it had reached an agreement with Arizona to house up to 1,260 of its inmates at the prison about 45 miles east of Indianapolis. The agreement has an initial term of one year beginning Tuesday and can be extended for three successive years by mutual agreement, officials said.

The New Castle prison, which opened in April 2002, currently houses 1,038 inmates, but has a capacity for 2,416.

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